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**SUPREME COURT JUSTICES PRESIDE OVER BAR ADMISSION  
CEREMONIES**

More than 2,200 new attorneys will be admitted to practice in Illinois on Thursday, November 4 with Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court presiding and administering the attorney's oath at five separate locations.

All of the candidates have passed the Illinois state bar examination and an ethics examination, and have been certified by the Committee on Character and Fitness.

The largest group, 1,672, will be admitted in the First Judicial District during ceremonies starting at 10:30 a.m. at the McCormick Place West Skyline Ballroom. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Freeman will preside over the ceremony, with Justices Anne M. Burke and Mary Jane Theis participating.

Justice Theis (*Pronounced TICE*), in her first bar admission ceremony as a Supreme Court justice, will introduce James R. Carroll, Lawrence N. Hill and Neil K. Quinn, representatives from the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar. Justice Theis will also congratulate the new class on behalf of the Court.

Justice Freeman will introduce retired Cook County Associate Judge Lawrence P. Fox, who will make the motion to admit the class.

Cook County Circuit Judge Geary W. Kull, along with attorneys Jeffrey E. Martin, Richard F. Pellegrino and Burton S. Odelson, will second the motion to admit the class.

The 2,225 men and women were certified as candidates and will be sworn in as Illinois attorneys Thursday at ceremonies in the five Supreme Court judicial districts.

Here are the time and locations of Thursday's ceremonies:

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**Bar Admission Ceremonies To Be Held November 4  
Add One**

Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride will preside over the Third Judicial District ceremony, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room ABC, I Wireless Center, 1201 River Drive, Moline.

Supreme Court Justice Robert R. Thomas will preside over the Second Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., Hemmens Memorial Building, Elgin Civic Center Plaza, 150 Dexter Court, Elgin.

Supreme Court Justice Rita B. Garman will preside over the Fourth Judicial District ceremony, 10 a.m., auditorium of the Michael J. Howlett Building, Second and Jackson Streets, Springfield.

Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier will preside over the Fifth Judicial District ceremony, 2 p.m., Lesar School of Law Building, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

The new attorneys will bring the total number of licensed attorneys in Illinois to approximately 89,500.

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